# School Based Health Centers



### School Based Health Centers Defined

- Section 2110(c)(9) of the Social Security Act defines a school-based health center as the following:
- Is located in or near a school facility of a school district or board, or of an Indian tribe or tribal organization;
- Is organized through school, community, and health provider relationships;
- Is administered by a sponsoring authority
- Provides through health professionals primary health services and mental health services to children in accordance with State and local law, including laws relating to licensure and certification; and
- Satisfies such other requirements as a State may establish for the operation of such a clinic.

### SBHC Common Characteristics

- Located in schools or on school grounds.
- Work cooperatively within the school to become an integral part of the school.
- Provide a comprehensive range of services that meet the specific physical and behavioral health needs of the young people in the community.
- Employ a multidisciplinary team of providers to care for the students: nurse practitioners, registered nurses, physician assistants, social workers, physicians, alcohol and drug counselors, and other health professionals.
- Provide clinical services through a qualified health provider such as a hospital, health department, or medical practice.
- Require parents to sign written consents for their children to receive the full scope of services provided at the SBHC.
- Have an advisory board consisting of community representatives, parents, youth, and family organizations, to provide planning and oversight.

#### SBHC Common Sense

- Provides access to care for students without the barriers families too often face
- Provides the 'caulk' at the intersection of education and health that prevents students from falling through the cracks. (NASBHC, 2012)

#### AR SBHC

#### 2010 Funded Schools

Dollarway

Fayetteville

Gurdon

Harrison

Lavaca

Lincoln

Paris

Springdale

#### 2011 Funded Schools

Cross County
Magazine
Ouachita River

#### 2012 Funded Schools

Jasper Lamar Prairie Grove

#### 2013 Funded Schools

- Cedarville
- El Dorado
- Little Rock
- Siloam Springs
- Springdale
- Waldron
- Yellville



## Funding Opportunity/Steps to Maximize Opportunity

- AR SBHC Request for Application will be released January 2014!
- Prior to applying for the ARSBHC funding a school district should have the following in place:
  - o Full time RN school nurse
  - Active wellness committee
  - Administrative buy in
  - Medical and mental health partnerships
  - Community support
  - Needs assessment complete

### AR SBHC Team for Technical Assistance

Available state support for SBHC planning: webinars, presentations, grant notifications, best practices.

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